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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/705,967 Confirmation No.: 6772  
Applicant : William Christopher DUFFY  
Filed : November 13, 2003  
Title : APPARATUS FOR A FIRE-RATED DUCT  
Group Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : HEWITT, James M.  
Atty. Docket No. : US 1362/03  
Date : December 7, 2005

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 7, 2005, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by three months, from September 7, 2005 to December 7, 2005, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.